

**MINUTES FOR THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL
SUSTAINABILITY MEETING AND GREEN TEAM MEETING**

Tuesday, July 26, 2016 - 7:30 pm – Community Center

Staff Liaison: Luisa Robles. Council liaison: Konrad Herling. Members present: Susan Barnett, Eva Fallon, Josh Hamlin, Matt Dirksen.

Visitors: Patricia Walters, David Yun, Elvina Newton Tryer, Yvette Tamukong, Tom Taylor, Erin Josephitis, Alejandra Camarillo Beruman, Harriette Phelps.

Excused absences: Steve Skolnik, Michael Hartman, John Lippert, Jane Young.

Absences: Maggie Cahalan.

Green Team and Green ACES Meeting

Call to order: 7:33

1. Consolidating Sustainability Framework with Green Team Circles. The group talked about merging the Action Items from Sustainable Maryland Certified Green Team and the Sustainability Framework. Several new members are not familiar with the Framework. Luisa will send to them.
2. Letter asking Council for a Sustainability-minded General Manager. The City is hiring a new City Manager. Can Green ACES ask that they be environmentally minded, both economic and environmental. Search agency will be selected on August 8. If sustainability initiatives were taken from the top down, more things could be implemented and all decision making would have a sustainability focus. The City is down to 2 companies to search for the new manager. We encourage a process by which the people would know and have input on the selection of the applicants. We would like the final candidates to hear our wish to be sustainable.
Susan and Tom will draft a letter and share with the group. Konrad will share with Council.
Will the companies do grassroots recruiting? Tapping people from local neighborhoods?
Dish sharing project – dish washer in Multipurpose room? Limited use within the community center.
3. Proclamation for International Zero Waste week. International Zero Waste Week has participants from around the world but no one from the US. It is the same week of Labor Day. Can we put it all together? Important to say the words and think about the language. Create a goal to accomplish that week? Write an article? PowerPoint presentation at Council meeting? Good for video streaming?
Talk to Cindy about the process. Only Council meeting between now and LD is August 8. Erin will contact Cindy.

4. City Code Changes Chapter 17, Waste. Green ACES/Team would like paired trash and recycling bins throughout the city. If in the code there might be funding for pairing or directive to do it.

AND Enforce recycling at apartment complexes.

Talk to Celia Craze and Mike McLaughlin. Ask what the process would be. Ask about time frame. Per our Green ACES meeting it was recommended that this be pursued... etc... Luisa will ask.

Chapter 4 Building and Building regulations – trash. Chapter 17 Solid Waste. That we are aware of. What are the chapters that need to be changed?

5. Sustainable Land Care Policy. Josh and John are working on it. Specifics on pesticide use and background. Faithful to the 2007 report. Precautionary principle. Etc. Decision process on how to choose the pesticides and public records so people can be aware before the pesticides are used and tracking through time how they are being used. Looked at Hyattsville and Montgomery County documents. Are there patterns that can be avoided?

6. Updates from Green Team Circles

- 1.1 Pathways of Sustainability (GT).

- 1.2 Solar/Energy. The group is meeting next week with the Environmental Finance Center from UMD to discuss possible MEA grant to defray some cost; Steve has spoken to both solar developers we have been working with; one of them is still very interested and will work on recasting the cost profile based on potential grant amounts. We should be able to have a revised proposal to bring to Council next month

- 1.3 Stream/Stormwater Restoration/Water. Grant demonstration project on 20 Court Ridge low impact development.

- 1.4 Sustainable Landcare/Food Systems.

- 1.5 Time Bank/Local Economies (GT).

- 1.6 Waste Management/Zero Waste. Styrofoam ban info is out on the County's web site.

- 1.7 Transportation. Bike signs on lanes

Crosswalks signage near the library. Safer to cross. At the MML conference there were sessions that talked about safety issues when crossing roads.

WMATA path – Woodlawn Developer for Greenbelt Station had the funding and design ready to go, part of the trail would be on WMATA land, and now said they would only build the path under 2 circumstances: 1) if the FBI is not chosen to be at Greenbelt they can build the path; 2) if FBI is chosen for Greenbelt they have to wait until the FBI is constructed (but that will not be until 2025 or who knows when?)

Right now Woodlawn is offering a free shuttle, but does not fully accommodate everyone.

What happened to Transit Oriented Development?

Patty and Konrad will look into it. At least saying something.

- 1.8 Land Use

- 1.9 Green Building

7. Weatherization Prince George's County Collaborative. Some GHI members have applied. Eva knows some of them. Energy audits are needed. Old appliances can be replaced, insulation on the crawl space, attic insulation but then it can't be used. Windows if they are old vs GHI updates. Bathroom fan and lighting fixtures.
8. Recap. Bradley Site Design Planning presented at last meeting regarding the renovations at the parking lot at Buddy Attick Park. How did it go? Interesting presentation. Engineers were present. Row of pines to be removed? Vote to take one row of pines. Example of Montgomery County Brookside Gardens. That seems to be a good plan to follow. Work session on Monday August, 1.
9. Who wants to be part of the County's Solid Waste Advisory Commission (SWAC)?

Adjournment: Matt/Eva

Adjourn 9:03 pm